

Application Serial No.: 10/643,211
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listine of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A support bracket for a hanger bar, said support bracket comprising:

a body having:

a bottom wall;

opposing side walls each comprising proximate ends having at least one mounting tab extending from a respective side wall in a direction parallel to a longitudinal axis of said body;

an aperture configured to receive a first portion of a support hook, wherein said aperture is located in said bottom wall; and

at least two protrusions configured to secure the support hook to said body;

~~wherein said support hook simultaneously contacts said protrusions and said bottom wall.~~

Claim 2. (Cancelled)

Claim 3. (Previously presented) The support bracket of claim 1, wherein said body has a substantially U-shaped cross-section.

Claim 4. (Previously presented) The support bracket of claim 1, wherein at least one of said protrusions is positioned on each opposing side wall of said body.

Claim 5. (Original) The support bracket of claim 1, wherein each of said opposing side walls has an upper surface configured to support a shelf thereon.

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Claim 6. (Previously presented) The support bracket of claim 5, wherein each of said side walls includes a slot extending from said upper surface thereof, wherein said slots are configured to removeably secure a shelf to said support bracket.

Claim 7. (Currently amended) The support bracket of claim 1, wherein ~~said body of said support bracket further comprises a proximate portion~~ said proximate ends are configured to engage a standard.

Claim 8. (Currently amended) A support assembly for supporting a hanger bar, the assembly comprising:

a support hook having an upper portion, a lower portion having a semi-cylinder member configured to support a hanger bar and a middle portion between said upper and lower portions which extends away from said upper portion at an angle between 120-150 degrees; and

a support bracket comprising a body having an aperture extending through a bottom wall into the interior of said bracket configured to receive said upper portion of said support hook, and at least two protrusions configured to secure said support hook to said body, wherein said upper portion of said hook rests against an interior surface of said bottom wall.

Claim 9. (Currently amended) The support bracket of claim 8, wherein the size of said aperture substantially corresponds in size to ~~the diameter~~ said upper portion of said support hook.

Claim 10. (Currently amended) A ~~The support assembly of claim 8 for supporting a hanger bar, the assembly comprising:~~

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a support hook having an upper portion, a lower portion having a semi-cylinder member configured to support a hanger bar and a middle portion between said upper and lower portions which extends away from said upper portion at an angle between 120-150 degrees; and

a support bracket comprising a body having an aperture configured to receive said upper portion of said support hook, and at least two protrusions configured to secure said support hook to said body, wherein said body of said support bracket has opposing side walls, a semi-circular bottom wall, and a substantially U-shaped cross-section.

Claim 11. (Currently amended) The support assembly of claim 10, wherein said semi-circular bottom wall of said body has a diameter that substantially corresponds to the diameter said upper portion of said support hook.

Claim 12. (Currently amended) The support assembly of claim 8, wherein at least one of said protrusions is positioned on each at least one of an opposing side wall of said body.

Claim 13. (Previously presented) The support assembly of claim 8, wherein the protrusions are configured to hold the upper portion of the support hook securely against an inner lower surface of the body.

Claim 14. (Previously presented) The support assembly of claim 8, wherein said lower portion of said support hook is configured to support a hanger bar.

Claim 15. (Previously presented) The support assembly of claim 8, wherein said support hook further comprises a middle portion configured to allow a clothes hanger to be slid along the length of a mounted hanger bar without obstruction from said support hook.

Claims 16-19. (Cancelled)

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Claim 20 (Previously presented) The support assembly of claim 8, wherein the support assembly further comprises a hanger bar.

Claim 21. (Previously presented) The support assembly of claim 8, wherein said middle portion is configured to allow a hanger to move across the supported hanger bar.

Claim 22. (Previously presented) The support assembly of claim 8, wherein said semi-cylinder member is substantially U-shaped.

Claim 23. (Previously presented) The support hook of claim 22, wherein said middle portion is substantially J-shaped.